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Ref: 8EPR-ER

Mr. Charles Stambaugh
94 Bowker, Space IL
Libby, Montana 59923

Re: Asbestos Cleanup Status for the Property located at 1325 Airstrip Rd., Libby, Montana

Dear Mr. Stambaugh:

On March 8, 2002, representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) visited the referenced property to determine if there was potential Libby amphibole asbestos source present on or near the property. At the time of the visit, this house was a rental property; however, it has not been occupied in the last five years. The house had no electricity and was inhabitable. In addition, the visible vermiculite was observed both inside and outside of the house. Neither soil nor dust samples were collected at that time because shortly after the Site visit, Mr. Munro (former owner) had verbally requested to demolish the house without any compensation or restoration.

After carefully evaluating Mr. Munro's and Mr. Callahan's request, the USEPA granted their request and scheduled it to be demolished in accordance with the Time-Critical Removal Priority List (the Priority List). The demolition was tentatively scheduled sometime in December of 2002. However, Mr. Munro and his brother (Mr. Callahan) subsequently changed their request and asked EPA to remove the asbestos contamination instead of the demolition. As a result, the referenced property has been removed from the Priority List and included in the Contaminant Screening Study - Libby Asbestos Project, which requires further investigation prior to any action.

I hope this letter will help your situation of purchasing the house. If you need more information or any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 303-312-6509.

Sincerely,

Duc Nguyen, OSC
Emergency Response Program

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